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In re Patent Application of:  
Naoki Taoka et al.

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For: METHOD FOR THE SEPARATION OF  
INTERMEDIATES WHICH MAY BE USED  
FOR THE PREPARATION OF  
ESCITALOPRAM

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 36 of this paper.